Governments have issued instructions for payment of leave salary in favour of eligible migrant employee.

2. With a view to encourage the Central Government employees to report for duty in the valley, it has been decided to give incentive in the form of payment of transfer grant and house rent allowance to be paid to them should they decide to keep their families elsewhere. Such employees will be provided accommodation in secure places by the State Government.

3. However, many migrant Central Government employees are still reluctant to return to the valley. Instructions have been issued to temporarily adjust them elsewhere against the available vacancies in the respective establishments.

4. Arrangements for providing accommodation to some J & K migrants including Government employees have been made in Jammu and Delhi. Admission of the children of migrants including government employees have been taken up on priority, in consultation with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of J & K and other State Governments. Arrangements have been finalised for admission of students of Engineering, Medical, Agriculture and other colleges.

Indirect Advertisement of Cigarettes by Doordarshan

1713. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan while transmitting various sports events sponsored by cigarette manufacturers indirectly gives publicity to such manufacturers inspite of the ban on cigarette advertisements on Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) As a matter of general guideline, Doordarshan staff have been instructed to avoid, while covering various sports events, focussing camera on hoardings displaying alcoholic drinks and tobacco products. However the fact that such hoardings may be placed at vantage positions, where camera has necessarily to focus or capture a particular scene of action, detracts from these efforts. It is nevertheless the endeavour of Doordarshan to avoid such instances to the extent possible.

Abduction of fishermen of Tamil Nadu

1714. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen belonging to Tamil Nadu who have been abducted so far by intruders while fishing in the sea;

(b) whether Government are taking necessary action to save the fishermen; and

(c) what permanent remedy Government propose to provide in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that a total number of 874 fishermen were abducted to Sri Lanka by suspected militants and Sri Lankan Navy for allegedly fishing in the Shi Lankan waters. All of them fere subsequently released.

(b) and (c) The Coast Guard and Navy are intensively patrolling in the Palk Strait, Palk Bay areas and warn the fishermen when they go astray. The fisheries Department of Government of Tamil Nadu has also warned the fishermen not to stray into the